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WIN Fast Forest seeks more volunteers

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The WIN Fast Forest is closing in on its goal for fall site preparation at Wright-Locke Farm. This project *of the WFMCHub* is turning a bit of low-habitat value wetlands into high value mature forest. By super-charging the soil and densely planting mature forest species, the site will be forest in 20 rather than the 150 years typical for New England. The 6,000 square f area will be planted with some 39 native species, including oaks, maples,

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ash, spruce, dogwoods, elderberry, witch hazel and sweet pepperbush. More plant species means the forest can feed more different critters.

Good weather on Saturdays has let volunteers clear three-fifths of the site, preparing for those natives this spring. But the weather won't hold and the holidays are coming. The project needs more volunteers. "A Fast Forest is 51% forest and 49% community. Come join the community!" says Calabi. "It's good exercise, good karma. There's chocolate, blondies, brownies - and excellent company."

The work involves digging to remove goldenrod roots, cutting above-ground invasive plants, and just picking up root bits off the soil. For more information or to help pay for the plants, https://givebutter.com/winfastforest please click here (Donations are tax deductible)

VOLUNTEER FORMS AND INFO

- Thursday 12 - 3, November 16

- Saturdays 9A-12P November 18 (and maybe November 25)

no need to stay the whole time, any help you can give is great!

- Wright-Locke Farm 82 Ridge St, 01890

s your first time helping, please fill out this online
ps://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeoiFzsfXhKaSIjX5CC7vT_xgMIZNrjw2y82itnxLw9wPBGnA/v

(Form must be complete prior to volunteering).

This event is for ages 11 and up (17 and under must be accompanied by an adult).

Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty especially work boots; bring
water bottle...and a pair of gloves.

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schools. The Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence (WFEE), a nonprofit that provides grants for Winchester's public schools, will host its 23rd annual trivia bee March 11

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Two candidates for Winchester's School Committee will face voters at a forum as the district navigates a new literacy curriculum, budget pressures and questions about student mental health. Heather von Mering and John Bellaire are competing for an open seat on the School Committee, which oversees a budget von

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